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4. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said unsaturated fatty acid alcohol is an unsaturated C₁₆-C₂₀-fatty acid alcohol[, preferably an unsaturated C₁₈-fatty acid alcohol].

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice and substitute new Claim 39 that is presented hereafter.

7. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is a lipophilic compound[, preferably a lipophilic drug].

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8. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the biologically active compound is selected from steroids, including corticosteroids, sex hormones, including androgens and estrogens and derivatives thereof, vitamins, including vitamins A, D2, D3, E, K and derivatives thereof, biologically active lipids, fatty acids, antibiotics and antimicrobials, including antivirals, antibacterials, antiprotozoals and antifungals, and local anesthetics [anesthetics, preferably of the amide type].

9. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the biologically active compound is selected from fluocinonide, omega-3-fatty acid and azelaic acid and salts and [eters] esters thereof.

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10. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the biologically active compound is clobetasol or a salt or an [ether] ester thereof[, preferably clobetasol propionate].

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16. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the waxy substance comprises a natural and/or synthetic wax[, preferably a monoester of a long-chained carboxylic acid with a long-chained alcohol]; a fat[, preferably a triglyceride of a C₁₈-C₃₆ fatty acid]; a glycoester of a C₁₈-C₃₆ fatty acid; or a mixture of two or more such compounds.

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19. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 18, wherein the plasticizing oil is selected from low molecular weight aliphatic acids and alcohols[, preferably having branched chains, and preferably is fluid lanoline].

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21. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 20, wherein the amount of solvent is within the range of 25-75[, preferably 40-60,] % by weight, the amount of viscosity enhancing agent is within the range of 15-55[, preferably 25-50,] % by weight and the amount of plasticizing oil is within the range of 0-30[, preferably 2-20,] % by weight.

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22. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of said alkylene glycol is within the range of 12-23[, preferably 15-23,] % by weight[, more preferably 12-20, especially 15-20, % by weight].

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23. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the weight ratio of unsaturated fatty acid alcohol : additional solvent is within the range of 1:2 to 5:1[, preferably 1:2 to 3:1, especially 1:2 to 2:1].

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25. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the concentration of the biologically active agent is [0,01-10, preferably 0,02-5,] 0.01-10% by weight, based on the weight of the carrier system.

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27. (Twice Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1 [for use as a medicament,] wherein said biologically active agent [being] is a therapeutically or prophylactically active agent.

28. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 27, for topical application to the skin of a mammal[, especially man], wherein the composition has a viscosity that is adapted for such application.

Please add the following new Claims 38 to 53:

--38. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said unsaturated fatty acid alcohol is an unsaturated C₁₈-fatty acid alcohol.

39. A composition as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said unsaturated C₁₈-fatty acid alcohol is selected from oleyl alcohol, ricinolyl alcohol, linolyl alcohol and/or linolenyl alcohol.

40. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is a lipophilic drug.

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41. A composition as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the biologically active compound is lipophilic anesthetic of the amide type.

42. A composition as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the biologically active compound is clobetasol propionate.

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43. A composition as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the waxy substance comprises a natural and/or synthetic wax that is a monoester of a long-chained carboxylic acid with a long-chained alcohol, and the fat is triglyceride of a C₁₈-C₃₆ fatty acid.

44. A composition as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the plasticizing oil is selected from low molecular weight branched chain aliphatic acids and alcohols.
45. A composition as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the plasticizing oil is fluid lanoline.
46. A composition as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the amount of solvent is within the range of 40-60% by weight, the amount of viscosity enhancing agent is within the range of 25-50% by weight, and the amount of plasticizing oil is within the range of 2-20% by weight.
47. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of said alkylene glycol is within the range of 15-23% by weight.
48. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of said alkylene glycol is within the range of 12-20% by weight.
49. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of said alkylene glycol is within the range of 15-20% by weight.

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50. A composition as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the weight ratio of unsaturated fatty acid alcohol : additional solvent is within the range of 1:2 to 3:1.

51. A composition as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the weight ratio of unsaturated fatty acid : additional alcohol is within the range of 1:2 to 2:1.

52. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the biologically active agent is 0.02-3% by weight based on the weight of the carrier system.
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53. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is beta-methasone, or a salt or ester thereof.

54. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is beta-methasone-17-valerate or betamethasonedipropionate.--

REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted to place the claim content more in accordance with the conventional claim practice used in the United States.

A check in the amount of \$288.00 for the additional claim fee is being provided herewith.